



Short Safety Subject

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Vehicle To Deer Collisions



Although most deer accidents do not result in human fatalities, nationwide more than 16,000 crashes involving animals do result in injuries. Vehicles striking deer on roadways are a major concern, particularly at this time of year when deer are more active.

To minimize your risk of an accident the following tips are provided:

- Be alert when passing through a “deer-crossing zone” mainly fields and wooded areas.
- Drive cautiously during early evening and morning hours when deer are particularly active.
- Continually scan the fields and area adjacent to the roadway for deer. Often you can see deer approaching the roadway and can slow down.
- During hours of darkness when no traffic is approaching set headlights on high-beam to better illuminate the roadway.
- Always wear your seat belt.
- Look for other deer after one has crossed the road. Deer seldom run alone.
- If you see a deer on the side of the road slow down. If the deer is in the highway and you are unable to stop to avoid hitting it, do not swerve. It is better to hit the deer than to hit an on coming vehicle or run off the road and strike an object.
- Always drive at a safe and prudent speed.

DRIVE ALERT! STAY ALERT! STAY ALIVE!